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ATLANTA FLAME SWEPT!

THE MARKHAM GONE!

Most Disastrous Blaze in the
History of the City.

Savage Work of Fire

A Whole Block Swept by a Sud-
den Gust.

SEVERAL LIVES WERE LOST

Horrible Scenes During the Progress
of the Fire.

HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

Fire Started in a Restaurant by an Ex-
plosion of an Oil Lamp.

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT \$300,000

Exciting Scenes About the Burning
Block—The Brave Work of the
Firemen.

The Markham house block was swept
clean by fire last night.

One man, thought to be a negro, was
taken from the ruins at 2:30 o'clock, his
body burned to a crisp.

Ten minutes after the Markham was
enveloped in a sheet of flames the agonized
face of a man was seen at first one
window and then another. Whether he
was a fireman or a guest of the hotel
could not be told. The last seen of him
was at the third window from the
corner of Loyd on the third floor. A mo-
ment after he turned away a great mass
of the roof crashed in almost over his
head.

The loss, in round numbers, is \$250,000,
and the insurance is estimated roughly
to be about one-half of that amount.

Starting in a restaurant on Decatur
street, the flames soon spread to H. M.
Patterson's livery and sales stables on
Loyd street. The hay in this building
gave an impetus to the conflagration which
for two hours put it beyond the power of
the city's entire fire department to stay.

From the stable the fire leaped over to
the Markham house on the south and
across to Collins street on the east. Now
three sides of the block were ablaze. A
rainless spring had rendered every build-
ing almost as inflammable as powder.

The engines puffed and purped furiously,
throwing torrents of water against the
three solid walls of flame, roaring madly
as they reached skyward, illuminating all
that part of the city until it was as
bright as day.

Men and women rushed in and out of the
houses, bearing away in their arms what
personal effects they could catch in the
few brief minutes allotted to them.

Nearly 150 men, women and children were
in the Markham. Employees of the hotel
ran breathlessly through the halls, beating
on doors and calling to the occupants to
escape. Most of these had time to dress
and to carry out their trunks. Conductor
Perkins, of the Georgia road, did not hear
the alarm, but was awakened by the noise
he sprang from bed and in the hall met
one of the clerks of the house who was
giving a last warning.

They had barely time to reach the street
in safety. Perhaps there was some one
who did not hear the calls at his door
and awoke too late. Or it may have been

baned Turks were there, too, with their
bundles and muttering phrases in which
Allah was oft repeated.

At midnight the sheet of flame
darted across Decatur street and
there was danger of even greater
destruction. But this was checked
and soon it was apparent that the fire-
men were mastering the conflagration. At
1 o'clock the whole square was a mass
of ruins at white heat. The reflection in
the heavens which had been grandly beau-
tiful began to die away and at 2 o'clock
only the blackened walls of the Markham
and the grim chimneys of ruined houses
remained erect to tell of the buildings
which the departing sun, a few hours
before, had looked upon.

Burned Body Discovered.
There was at least one human life lost
in the fire of last night. The victim is
unidentified, but it is thought that it was
a boy employed at the Palace stables.

The body was found about 2:30 this morn-
ing, and was so burned as to render recog-
nition impossible.

The missing man is Gilbert, a hostler, and
as he has not been seen since the fire it is
believed that it is his body that has just
been found.

The body was accidentally discovered by the
firemen while at work on the ruins, and
Chief Joyner was at once notified.

There is little left to identify the remains
as that of a human. Both legs and arms
are burned off and the trunk and head re-
main. The place where the body was found
is in the rear of the Palace stables, and
the idea is advanced that the deceased
was asleep in one of the cubs. The body
has not been removed and it lies in the
ruins surrounded by the burned carcasses
of a number of dead horses.

A Rapid Blaze.
The fire was first discovered in the rear
of the Palace stables, and was well under
way before the alarm was turned in. The
Palace stables was an old structure of wood
with tin roof, and before the department

could possibly reach the scene it was a
mass of flames.

In this building and in the stables of
Milam & Patterson it is estimated that
there were one hundred and fifty horses,
and almost all of these escaped or were
run out. At the hour of going to press, as
the horses were wildly scattered all over
the city, it was impossible to accurately es-
timate the number lost, but it is thought
that not over twenty were burned to death.

The speed of the flames was rapid and
the American hotel, adjoining the Palace
stables, was soon on fire. Then the Mark-
ham house began burning. The hotel
caught from sparks falling on the roof
and through windows on the side nearest
the fire. The wind carried the flames to-
ward Decatur street, and the fire made
quick work of the buildings there, most
of them being old and highly inflammable.

The houses on Collins street were the
last buildings in the block to catch on fire,
and many of the inmates of the houses
there saved their property and valuable
sheets of vivid fire shot up like light-
ning flashes without the thunder roar.

Some one shouted that 3,000 gallons of oil
were stored in a little shack off from the
walls of the Markham. Gabriel's trumpet
would have created no greater consterna-
tion in the human mass packed closely
around. Thereafter that spot was shunned.

On Decatur street, pandemonium reigned
for an hour. The babel of tongues was
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a fireman who ventured too long in the
burning building and was seen at the win-
dow. Whoever it was will probably be
found in the debris, as there did not seem
to be one chance in a thousand to escape.

Twenty thousand people were at the fire,
chocking the streets at every intersection,
swarming over the railroad tracks and
climbing up on platform, box or stairway
to get a view over the heads of the
others. Many of these turned toward Col-
lins street, where the world's homeless
ones were in this hour homeless indeed.
Some rich furnishings and much that was



SCENE ON THE LOYD STREET SIDE JUST AFTER THE FLAMES BURST OUT OF THE MARKHAM.

gaudy and mere tinsel came from these
houses and were piled high in the streets.

Work of Thieves.
The thieves revelled here, looting under
the guise of protecting. A few of the wo-
men turned from the scene, sick at heart,
but there were more who looked on and
laughed as the roofs which but recently
sheltered them were consumed by the
flames. Thousands asked: "Where will
they go tonight?"

But as they gradually disappeared in the
great throng there were probably other
doors somewhere for them to enter.

Thrilling events were occurring on every
side. One man was paralyzed by fear and
had to be lifted up and carried away. Tele-
graph and telephone poles blazed from tip
to base and these falling, broke electric light
and trolley wires. Then there were flashes
and splutterings of intense light, which
frightened the spectators and swept them
back as though driven by a huge tidal
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No. 104, M. Sugarman, dry goods and
clothing; no estimate given.

The Markham's Insurance.
The most valuable property in the block
was the Markham house. Its value was
estimated at \$100,000, and the insurance on
the building amounts to \$40,000. Mr. Sco-
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WANT MCKINLEY

To Become President of the United
States.

SHE PREFERS MR. CLEVELAND

The German Press Says the Democratic
Administration

IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APPARENT CHANGE

Crusade Against the Socialists Now on
in the Way of Triumphant Bismarck
in Good Health.

Berlin, May 17.—The approaching presi-
dential campaign in the United States is
exciting unusual interest throughout Ger-
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OFF TO GET
WILL MYERSDeputy Sheriff Greene Leaves for
the Scene of Arrest.

HAS THE MAN, HE THINKS

Missouri Officers Certain They Have the
Right Man.

CHIEF CONNOLLY CONFIDENT.

Telegrams Assure Him That the Mur-
derer Is Caught.

WHAT THE OFFICERS HAVE TO SAY

Declare That They Have Their Man.

Sheriff Barnes Is Happy Once
More.Will Myers is behind the bars of a Mis-
souri jail.Deputy Sheriff Greene left last night to
bring the murderer of Forrest Crowley
back.

Chief Connolly no longer has any doubt.

"I am positive from what I can learn
that the man under arrest is Myers," he
said last night, after reading over a
batch of telegrams which passed between
him and the sheriff of Carroll county, Mis-
souri, yesterday.All the officers are confident that the
man is Myers, and Sheriff Barnes thinks
he has the very young murderer at last
run to earth.All messages received yesterday at police
headquarters strengthened the belief of the
officers. If it is not Myers the entire
police department and the Missouri officials
have been badly fooled. Yesterday's de-
velopments clinched the evidence that the
murderous man is a prisoner.Since Chief Connolly received the first
telegram announcing the capture of the
murderer in Missouri, the city has been in
a high fever of excitement, and the out-
come of the report is being watched with
the greatest interest.The wires between Atlanta and the far
western town were kept busy all day yester-
day with communications between the
officials of the two places. The authorities
in Missouri want the big reward, and the
authorities here want the prisoner, there-
fore, if Myers is really captured it will not
be long before he once more enjoys the
hospitality of Fulton county jail.

Evidence Stronger Than Ever.

There were a good many new and interest-
ing developments yesterday which gave de-
cided strength to the theory that Myers
has at last been captured. There is really
little doubt about it. The local officials
expect to see the escaped prisoner in At-
lanta before next Saturday night.Chief Connolly and Sheriff Barnes have
been in constant communication with Bosworth
since Monday yesterday up to a late hour last
night, and the dispatches received in At-
lanta indicate that the sheriff in Missouri
is confident that he has the right man.Deputy Sheriff W. D. Greene left for Bos-
worth on the 8:20 train last night, and At-
lantians will know for certain whether
Myers has been captured or not.Sheriff Barnes will send only one man
after the prisoner, as he believes there will
be no need for more. Chief Connolly had
decided at first that he would send a mem-
ber of his force, but finally came to the
decision that it would be useless.It is not known by which route the mur-
derer will be brought to Atlanta, but it
is most probable that he will not be brought
through Cobb county, the home of Myers's
victim, to prevent mob violence. When
Myers was captured before in Cincinnati
he was brought through Crowley's territory
and it was feared that he would be lynched.
Consequently Chief Connolly was
accompanied by a good force, and as they
passed through Cobb county, the windows
and doors of the car were securely fasten-
ed and the men stood ready with Winches-
ter rifles, fully expecting an attack, but
they were agreeably disappointed.While such an action on the part of the
friends of the murdered man is not really
anticipated by the officers, yet cer-
tainly it is that Myers has no friends in that
neighborhood, and the officers will be well
prepared for any emergency.Sheriff Barnes stated last night that he
would probably send a good force of men
to meet the party on their return some-
where this side of St. Louis, and that the
prisoner would be given every means of
protection.Officer Greene will reach St. Louis tonight
and as Bosworth is about 20 miles from
that city, in the northwestern part of the
state, he will not reach his destination
until early Tuesday morning. He will go
at once to the jail, and will immediately
wire the local authorities if the man un-
der arrest is Myers.

Will Send Requisition Papers.

Sheriff Barnes was unable to secure
requisition papers from Governor Atkin-
son yesterday, but will do so the first
thing this morning. He will immediately
mail them to Officer Greene, who ought to
receive the documents Tuesday night or
Wednesday morning. The officer will then start for Atlanta
with his prisoner, and, if he has no bad
luck, he ought to be in Atlanta by Thurs-
day night or Friday morning. It may be
possible that Myers will consent to return
without the requisition papers, and if this
is the case the couple ought to be here a
day earlier.Sheriff Barnes stated last night that if
the Missouri officers have captured the
right man, that his part of the reward,\$1,000, will be paid. The governor of the
state also offers \$500, so the officers will
secure ample remuneration for their
trouble.

Telegrams Thick and Fast.

Telegrams flew thick and fast between
the two states up to a late hour last night.
Chief Connolly did not receive an answer
to his request sent Saturday night for an
exact description of the man until noon
yesterday. The reply was as follows:"Bosworth, Mo., May 17.—Man here
answering description Will Myers not un-
der arrest. Five feet nine inches, light
complexion, smooth face, curved over right
eye angles toward nose. Claims to have
broken jail and now pursued through dif-
ferent states. Claims to have been a sol-
dier. Shall I arrest him? Answer quick."

"ED NELSON, City Marshal."

It appears from this message, which is
an exact description of the murderer, that
Myers had not been arrested when the mes-
sage was sent. Chief Connolly wired back im-
mediately to arrest the man, and hold for the
local authorities.An answer to this message came about
10 o'clock and this, stating: "Send me
to identify Will Myers; have him under
arrest." This proves that the Missouri
officers are certain that they have the
right man.Sheriff Barnes was also the recipient of
several messages from the officers at Bos-
worth, which requested that he send
officer with warrant at once for Myers, and
as a result, Sheriff Greene left for the
first train. Sheriff Barnes wired back that
his man would be in Bosworth as soon
as possible.Chief Connolly is still of the opinion that
Myers has been caught. Sheriff Barnes
also thinks that there is strong foundation
for the theory.

GROCERS JOIN IN.

THEY AGREE TO CLOSE THEIR
STORES AT 6 O'CLOCK.

Up during the Summer Months.

Who They Are.

The retail grocers of Atlanta, feeling that
some consideration was due their employes
in the way of shorter hours of work, have
decided to close their stores at 6:30 o'clock
in the afternoon, excepting Saturdays.The shorter hours will be observed during
the months of June, July and August.The list of these merchants who have
agreed to close at 6:30 o'clock contains over
100 names, and this means that an oppor-
tunity for rest and recreation will be given
to hundreds of employes who are accus-
tomed to much longer hours of work.In no line of business is it necessary for
men to work for so many hours per day
as in a retail grocery store. Hours before
many of Atlanta's citizens are out of bed
each morning the retail grocer has called
and received the order for the goods need-
ed during the day, and, owing to the
fact that the custom of his business, it was
an easy task to secure the signatures of
many of the merchants.The result of the result of the
efforts of Mr. M. B. Schlesinger, and he
has devoted quite a while to making the
list as complete as it now stands.That the grocers and their employes
owe Mr. Schlesinger a debt of gratitude
is certain, and his efforts for their benefit
will be no less appreciated.Atlanta is probably a pioneer in this
movement, as she is in many other things,
and the example is one worthy of being
followed in other cities.The early closing idea is a popular one
and in every branch of business it has
proven a greater benefit in that employ-
ment than in any other. It gives employ-
ees better contented and ample oppor-
tunity for recreation is provided. The
early closing movement of the wholesale
grocers was started by Mr. Harry Schles-
inger, a brother of the gentleman who has
done such a noble work for the retail men.
The agreement that has been signed is as
follows:"We, the undersigned retail grocers,
agree to close our places of business every
evening during the months of June, July
and August at 6:30 o'clock p. m., Satur-
day excepted."C. A. Ashby, Thomas A. Vaughn,
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Left Atlanta Saturday and Was Going
to England—How the Accident
Happened.Robert Dove, a young apprentice in the
composing room of The Atlanta Journal,
met a tragic death at Rome yesterday.While bathing in the Etowah he dived
from the bank, striking his head against a
rock, killing him instantly. His body was
lost and has not yet been recovered.Young Dove was the son of a widowed
mother and upon his efforts depended her
sustenance. He has been connected with
the composing rooms of the evening paper
for some time and was a good workman.For some time, however, he has been dis-
satisfied for some reason and Saturday af-
ternoon announced to a crowd of compan-
ions that he intended to leave for England,
where he thought he could secure better
wages. He left in company with Lon
Stegall, who is his constant companion.Yesterday morning the two boys reached
Rome and decided to go in bathing. They
walked out from the town some distance
and found a convenient place. Neither of
the boys were acquainted with the place.They had been in the water for some time
when Dove suggested that they dive from
the bank. Both boys got out on the bank.
Stegall was standing to one side. Dove
made a run for a short distance and sprang
into the water headlong. His young com-
panion watched him rise and saw that the
boy remained under water. Stegall stood
speechless with horror. After diving from
the bank Dove never again appeared above
the water. Stegall ran into the city immedi-
ately and gave the alarm. A party went
out and divers were dragged but the body
was not recovered. In making the
jump Dove had struck his head against a
rock.The young man was well known here. He
had many friends and was well liked.

SAYS HE WILL GO.

DR. STRICKLER FORMALLY AN-
NOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION.The Doctor Makes a Short Speech in
Which He Gives the Reasons for
His Decision.Dr. George B. Strickler, the present pas-
tor of the Central Presbyterian church, has
accepted the call to the chair of sys-
tematic theology in the Union Theological
seminary at Richmond, Va., made the
formal announcement of his resignation
before his congregation at the regular
church services yesterday morning.As is well known, Dr. Strickler has had
the matter under consideration for some
time, and has decided only recently to ac-
cept the position. He has given his resigna-
tion the first official notice of his
decision yesterday.Despite the very warm weather a large
congregation was present, as it was antici-
pated that the famous divine would give
an evening discourse during the months of
June and August at 6:30 o'clock p. m., Sat-
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Department.

HOW THE CITY IS KEPT CLEAN

Chief Veal Calls Attention to the Use
of Well Water in the Summer
Time.

